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Designing with Plenty for Pollinators

Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide

Pollinators of Native Plants

by Heather Holm, Pollination Press

The Xerces Guide to Attracting Native Pollinators www.xerces.org

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

<http://www.ct.gov/caes/cwp/view.asp?a=2826&q=578322&caesNav=|>

A Citizen's Guide to Creating Pollinator Habitat in Connecticut

http://www.ct.gov/caes/lib/caes/documents/publications/pollinators/a_citizen%E2%80%99s_guide_to_creating_pollinator_habitat_in_connecticut.pdf

CT Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG) Nursery-grown native CT perennials

<https://cipwg.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/244/2013/10/PDF-CIPWG-Native-Alternative-Perennials-List-9-21-2016.pdf>

Insect-pollinated forest trees

<http://www.pollinator.org/PDFs/EasternBroadleaf.Oceanic.rx18.pdf>

Succession of Bloom in Connecticut, by Nancy DuBrule

<https://naturework.com/garden-center/products-we-sell/>

Mt. Cuba plant trials

<https://mtcubacenter.org/research/trial-garden/>

Chicago Botanic Garden plant trials

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/research/ornamental_plant_research/plant_evaluation

Best of the Best Native Plants for Bees

Long season, plentiful bloom, support generalist and specialist species
(Dr. Kim Stoner, CAES research)

Willows
Blueberries
Monarda
Sunflowers
Goldenrods
Aster

Native Perennials and Understory

Trees for Bee Specialists

Agastache
Milkweeds (Asclepias)
Physostegia
Chelone (Turtlehead) Penstemon
Eupatorium/Conoclinium/Eutrochium
Golden alexanders (Zizia)
Heuchera
Liatris
Ironweed (Vernonia)
Jewelweed (Impatiens capensis)
Honeysuckle (Lonicera)
Dogwoods (Cornus/Swidia)
Baptisia
Geranium maculatum
Penstemon
Physostegia virginiana
Mountain mint (Pycnanthemum spp.)
Cimicifuga/Actaea
Mountain laurel (Kalmia latifolia)
Rhododendron/azalea
Shadblow (Amelanchier)
Redbud (Cercis Canadensis)

Other important Natives

Hollies (Ilex species –male and female)
Bottlebrush buckeye (Aesculus parviflora)
Clethera alnifolia
Allium cernuum
Packera /Senecio aurea

Herbs (Non-native)

Lavender
Thyme
Chives
Oregano
Borage
Dill
Basil

Non-native Flowers

Alliums
Salvia

Penstemons

Alliums
Patrinia
Catmints – Calamintha and Nepeta species
Sedums
Yarrow (Achillea)
California poppies
Cleome
Alyssum
Spring-blooming ornamental trees –
(cherries, crabapples)
Early spring bulbs
(Galanthus, narcissus, crocus)
Late chrysanthemums (Dendranthemums)

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